

This Trade Summary provides an overview of WTO dispute settlement decisions and panel activities, and EU decisions and measures on commercial policy, customs policy and external relations, for the first quarter of 2020.

I. WTO

1. Dispute Settlement

United States notifies decision to appeal compliance panel ruling in steel dispute with India

On December 18, 2020, the United States, under Article 16 of the Dispute Settlement Understanding, notified the Dispute Settlement Body of its decision to appeal issues of law and legal interpretations developed by the WTO compliance panel in its report in the case brought by India in “United States - Countervailing Measures on Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products from India” (DS436).

[\(WTO Press Release, January 16, 2020\)](#)

Japan initiates second WTO dispute complaint regarding Korean support for shipbuilders

Japan has requested WTO dispute consultations with Korea regarding alleged subsidies provided by the Korean government to its shipbuilding industry.

[\(WTO Press Release, February 10, 2020\)](#)

Turkey initiates WTO dispute complaint against EU steel safeguard

Turkey has requested WTO dispute consultations with the European Union regarding the EU’s safeguard measures on imported steel products.

[\(WTO Press Release, March 19, 2020\)](#)

The Philippines launches safeguard investigation on motor vehicles

On February 18, 2020, the Philippines notified the WTO’s Committee on Safeguards that it initiated on February 6, 2020, a “preliminary safeguard investigation” on motor vehicles.

[\(WTO Press Release, February 18, 2020\)](#)

Ukraine launches safeguard investigation on caustic soda

On February 18, 2020, Ukraine notified the WTO’s Committee on Safeguards that it initiated on February 11, 2020, a safeguard investigation on caustic soda.

[\(WTO Press Release, February 18, 2020\)](#)

Ukraine launches safeguard investigation on polymeric materials

On February 28, 2020, Ukraine notified the WTO’s Committee on Safeguards that it initiated on February 25, 2020, a safeguard investigation on polymeric materials.

[\(WTO Press Release, February 28, 2020\)](#)

PANELS ESTABLISHED

WTO members consider EU request for panels on Indian tech tariffs, Colombian duties on fries

At a meeting of the WTO’s Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) on March 5, 2020, WTO members considered two requests from the European Union for dispute panels to examine India’s tariffs on certain high-tech goods and Colombia’s anti-dumping duties on frozen fries from Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands.

[\(WTO Press Release, March 5, 2020\)](#)

ADOPTED PANEL REPORTS

Panel report adopted regarding Moroccan measures on hot-rolled steel from Turkey

At a meeting of the Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) on January 8, 2020, WTO members formally adopted the panel and Appellate Body reports in a case brought by Turkey regarding anti-dumping measures imposed by Morocco on imports of certain hot-rolled steel products from Turkey.

[\(WTO Press Release, January 8, 2020\)](#)

Members adopt panel ruling in Australia-Indonesia paper duty dispute

At a meeting of the WTO’s Dispute Settlement Body (DSB) on January 27, 2020, members adopted a panel ruling in a dispute initiated by Indonesia regarding anti-dumping duties imposed by Australia on imports of A4 copy paper from Indonesia.

[\(WTO Press Release, January 27, 2020\)](#)



APPELLATE BODY**Appellate Body issues report regarding Russian measures on imported railway equipment**

On February 4, 2020, the Appellate Body issued its report in the case brought by Ukraine in “Russia - Measures affecting the importation of railway equipment and parts thereof” (DS499).

([WTO Press Release](#), February 4, 2020)

Appellate Body issues report regarding US duties on Canadian paper

On February 6, 2020, the Appellate Body issued its report in the case brought by Canada in “United States — Countervailing Measures on Supercalendered Paper from Canada” (DS505).

([WTO Press Release](#), February 6, 2020)

2. Other Developments**World Trade Organization (WTO)**

The EU and fifteen other members of the WTO decided on a contingency appeal arrangement that will allow them to bring appeals and solve trade disputes among them despite the current paralysis of the WTO Appellate Body.

([Commission Press Release](#) IP/20/538, March 27, 2020)

UK notifies WTO on implications of withdrawal from the EU for itself and other members

The United Kingdom has notified the other 163 WTO members of its status in the organization given its withdrawal from the European Union.

([WTO Press Release](#), February 3, 2020)

TRADE POLICY REVIEWS**European Union**

([WTO Press Release](#), February 18 & 20, 2020; [Secretariat Report](#) and [Government Report](#), December 10, 2019)

Australia

([WTO Press Release](#), March 11 & 13, 2020; [Secretariat Report](#) and [Government Report](#), January 15, 2020)

WTO ACCESSIONS**Ethiopia resumes WTO accession negotiations after eight-year pause**

Members expressed unanimous support for the resumption of Ethiopia’s WTO membership negotiations at the 4th meeting of the Working Party on the country’s accession, held on January 30, 2020. It was the first meeting of the working party in almost eight years.

([WTO Press Release](#), January 31, 2020)

Members endorse Curaçao’s bid for WTO membership

WTO members agreed at a meeting of the General Council on March 3, 2020, to establish a working party for the accession of Curaçao to the organization.

([WTO Press Release](#), March 3, 2020)

II. EU Commercial Policy**1. Anti-dumping and Anti-subsidy****EU COURTS****Certain iron or steel fasteners from China**

Opinion by the Advocate General Pitruzzella advising the Court of Justice to hold that, (i) an EU importer of products subject to anti-dumping duties under a regulation such as Council Regulation 91/2009, which did not participate in the procedure which led to the adoption of this regulation, cannot thereafter contest its validity before a national court by claiming that the rights of defense of the entities which participated in the procedure in question have been infringed, and (ii) that the second part of the second question is therefore inadmissible.

(Case C-104/19 *Donex Shipping and Forwarding*, Advocate General [opinion](#) of March 4, 2020, available in French)

Aspartame originating in China

Order by the President of the Court of Justice partially granting a request for confidential treatment in the appeal against the General Court’s judgment of June 28, 2019, dismissing the appeal against Commission Implementing Regulation 2016/1247 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty.

(Case C-666/19 P *Changmao Biochemical Engineering v. Commission*, [order](#) of March 17, 2020)

Certain steel products

Appeal against Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/1382 amending certain regulations imposing anti-dumping or anti-subsidy measures on certain steel products subject to safeguard measures.

(Case T-790/19 *Novolipetsk Steel v. Commission*, [OJ 2020 C 10/49](#))

Certain seamless pipes and tubes, of iron or steel, originating in Russia and Ukraine

Appeal against Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/1295 amending Implementing Regulation 2018/1469 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty following a partial interim review pursuant to Article 11(3) of Regulation 2016/1036.

(Case T-716/19 *Interpipe Niko Tube and Interpipe Nizhnedneprovsky Tube Rolling Plant v. Commission*, [OJ 2020 C 10/43](#))

Certain hot-rolled flat products of iron, non-alloy or other alloy steel originating in Brazil, Iran, Russia, Ukraine and Serbia

The General Court dismissed the appeal against Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/1795 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of certain hot-rolled flat products of iron, non-alloy or other alloy steel originating in Brazil, Iran, Russia and Ukraine, and terminating the investigation on imports of certain hot-rolled flat products of iron, non-alloy or other alloy steel originating in Serbia.

(Case T-835/17 *Eurofer v. Commission*, [judgment](#) of March 12, 2020)

Stainless steel cold-rolled flat products originating in China and Taiwan

Appeal against the General Court's judgment of December 3, 2019, dismissing the appeal against Commission Implementing Regulation 2015/1429 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty.

(Case C-79/20 P *Yieh United Steel Corp. v. Commission*, [OJ 2020 C 103/17](#))

Mixtures of urea and ammonium nitrate originating in Russia, Trinidad and Tobago and the US

i Appeal against Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/1688 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and definitively collecting the provisional duty.

(Case T-744/19 *Methanol Holdings (Trinidad) v. Commission*, [OJ 2020 C 10/48](#))

ii Appeal against Regulation 2019/1688 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and definitively collecting the provisional duty.

(Case T-865/19 *Nevinnomysskiy Azot and NAK 'Azot' v. Commission*, [OJ 2020 C 61/53](#))

Solar glass originating in China

i Appeal against the General Court's judgment of September 24, 2019, annulling Commission Implementing Regulation 470/2014 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed.

(Case C-888/19 P *GMB Glasmanufaktur Brandenburg v. Xinyi PV Products (Anhui)*, [OJ 2020 C 45/31](#))

ii Appeal against the General Court's judgment of September 24, 2019, in which the Court annulled Commission Implementing Regulation 470/2014 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and collecting definitively the provisional duty imposed.

(Case C-884/19 P *Commission v. Xinyi PV Products (Anhui) Holdings*, [OJ 2020 C 54/38](#))

Certain seamless pipes and tubes of iron (other than cast iron) or steel (other than stainless steel), of circular cross-section, of an external diameter exceeding 406.4 mm, originating in China

Appeal against the General Court's judgment of September 24, 2019, annulling Commission Implementing Regulation 2017/804 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty in so far as it concerns the products produced by Hubei Xinyegang Special Tube Co.

(Case C-891/19 P *Commission v. Hubei Xinyegang Special Tube*, [OJ 2020 C 45/32](#))

OTHER EU INSTITUTIONS**COVID-19**

Notice on the consequences of the COVID-19 outbreak on anti-dumping and anti-subsidy investigations.

([OJ 2020 C 86/6](#))

Peroxosulphates (persulphates) originating in China

Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/39 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty following an expiry review pursuant to Article 11(2) of Regulation 2016/1036.

([OJ 2020 L 13/18](#))

Certain woven and/or stitched glass fiber fabrics originating in China and Egypt

Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/44 making imports subject to registration.

[\(OJ 2020 L 16/1\)](#)

Bicycles originating in China

Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/45 amending Implementing Regulation 2019/1379 as regards the extension of the anti-dumping duty imposed on imports of bicycles originating in China to imports of certain bicycle parts originating in China by Council Regulation 71/97.

[\(OJ 2020 L 16/7\)](#)

Citric acid originating in China

Notice of initiation of an expiry review of the anti-dumping measures.

[\(OJ 2020 C 18/3\)](#)

Biodiesel originating in the US

i Notice of the impending expiry of certain anti-subsidy measures.

[\(OJ 2020 C 18/19\)](#)

ii Notice of the impending expiry of certain anti-dumping measures.

[\(OJ 2020 C 18/20\)](#)

Monosodium glutamate

i Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/230 initiating an investigation concerning possible circumvention of anti-dumping measures imposed by Implementing Regulation 2015/83 on imports of monosodium glutamate originating in China, and making such imports subject to registration.

[\(OJ 2020 L 47/9\)](#)

ii Notice of initiation of an expiry review of the anti-dumping measures.

[\(OJ 2020 C 20/18\)](#)

Certain hot rolled stainless steel sheets and coils originating in China, Taiwan and Indonesia

i Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/104 making imports of certain hot rolled stainless steel sheets and coils originating in China, Taiwan and Indonesia subject to registration.

[\(OJ 2020 L 19/5\)](#)

ii Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/105 making imports of certain hot rolled stainless steel sheets and coils originating in China and Indonesia subject to registration.

[\(OJ 2020 L 19/10\)](#)

Steel road wheels originating in China

i The Commission decided to impose definitive anti-dumping duties.

[\(Commission Daily News](#), March 4, 2020)

ii Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/353 imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty and definitively collecting the provisional duty.

[\(OJ 2020 L 65/9\)](#)

Tubes and pipes of ductile cast iron originating in India

Commission Implementing Decision 2020/290 terminating the partial interim review of the countervailing duty applicable to imports of tubes and pipes of ductile cast iron originating in India without amending the measures in force.

[\(OJ 2020 L 61/6\)](#)

Crystalline silicon photovoltaic modules and key components (i.e. cells) originating in or consigned from China

Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/444 invalidating invoices issued by Wuxi Suntech Power in breach of the undertaking repealed by Implementing Regulation 2017/1570.

[\(OJ 2020 L 92/10\)](#)

Aluminum foils originating in China

Notice of the impending expiry of certain anti-dumping measures.

[\(OJ 2020 C 98/10\)](#)

Aluminum foils originating in Russia

Notice of the impending expiry of certain anti-dumping measures.

[\(OJ 2020 C 98/11\)](#)

Certain graphite electrode systems originating in India

Notice of initiation of a partial interim review of the anti-dumping and countervailing measures.

[\(OJ 2020 C 67/11\)](#)

Certain welded pipes and tubes of iron or non-alloyed steel originating in Belarus, China and Russia

Notice of initiation of an expiry review of the anti-dumping measures.

[\(OJ 2020 C 24/17\)](#)

Wire rod originating from China

Notice of the impending expiry of certain anti-dumping measures.

[\(OJ 2020 C 35/3\)](#)

Tube and pipe fittings of iron or steel originating in China

Notice of the impending expiry of certain anti-dumping measures.

[\(OJ 2020 C 38/2\)](#)

Certain grain-oriented flat-rolled products of silicon-electrical steel originating in China, South Korea, Russia and the US

Notice of the impending expiry of certain anti-dumping measures.

[\(OJ 2020 C 40/34\)](#)

Acesulfame potassium originating in China

Notice of the impending expiry of certain anti-dumping measures.

[\(OJ 2020 C 46/8\)](#)

Continuous filament glass fiber products originating in Egypt

i Notice amending the notice of initiation of an anti-subsidy proceeding.

[\(OJ 2020 C 48/18\)](#)

ii Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/199 making imports of continuous filament glass fiber products originating in Egypt subject to registration.

[\(OJ 2020 L 42/10\)](#)

iii Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/379 imposing a provisional countervailing duty.

[\(OJ 2020 L 69/14\)](#)

Aluminum extrusions originating in China

Notice of initiation of an anti-dumping proceeding.

[\(OJ 2020 C 51/26\)](#)

Certain rainbow trout originating in Turkey

Notice of initiation of an expiry review of the anti-subsidy measures.

[\(OJ 2020 C 64/22\)](#)

Seamless pipes and tubes of iron or steel originating in China

Notice of the impending expiry of certain anti-dumping measures.

[\(OJ 2020 C 82/5\)](#)

2. Generalized System of Preferences

Generalized tariff preferences

i The Council decided not to object a Commission delegated regulation amending the vulnerability threshold set out in point 1(b) of Annex VII to Regulation 978/2012 applying a scheme of generalized tariff preferences.

[\(Council Press Release](#), January 21, 2020)

ii Commission Delegated Regulation 2020/129 amending the vulnerability threshold set out in point 1(b) of Annex VII to Regulation 978/2012 applying a scheme of generalized tariff preferences.

[\(OJ 2020 L 27/8\)](#)

iii Commission Delegated Regulation 2020/128 amending Annex II to Regulation 978/2012 applying a scheme of generalized tariff preferences.

[\(OJ 2020 L 27/6\)](#)

iv The Commission published the latest report on the GSP.

[\(Commission Press Release IP/20/136](#), February 10, 2020; [Joint report](#), February 10, 2020)

v The Commission started a consultation on an update to the preferential tariff scheme between the EU and developing countries.

[\(Consultation page\)](#)

Cambodia

i The Commission decided to withdraw part of the tariff preferences granted to Cambodia under the EU's Everything But Arms' (EBA) trade scheme due to the serious and systematic violations of the human rights principles enshrined in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

[\(Commission Press Release IP/20/229](#), February 12, 2020)

ii Commission delegated regulation amending Annexes II and IV to Regulation 978/2012 as regards the temporary withdrawal of the arrangements referred to in Article 1(2) of Regulation 978/2012 in respect of certain products originating in Cambodia.

[\(Draft act](#), February 12, 2020)

3. Sanctions

EU COURTS

Congo

The General Court dismissed the appeals against Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/2282 amending Decision 2010/788/CFSP.

(Case T-163/18 *Amisi Kumba v. Council*, [judgment](#) of February 12, 2020, available in French; Case T-164/18 *Kampete v. Council*, [judgment](#) of February 12, 2020, available in French; Case T-165/18 *Kahimbi Kasagwe v. Council*, [judgment](#) of February 12, 2020, available in French; Case T-166/18 *Ilunga Luyoyo v. Council*, [judgment](#) of February 12, 2020, available in French; Case T-167/18 *Kanyama v. Council*, [judgment](#) of February 12, 2020, available in French; Case T-168/18 *Numbi v. Council*, [judgment](#) of February 12, 2020, available in French; Case T-169/18 *Kibelisa Ngambasai v. Council*, [judgment](#) of February 12, 2020, available in French; Case T-170/18 *Kande Mupompa v. Council*, [judgment](#) of February 12, 2020, available in French; Case T-171/18 *Boshab v. Council*, [judgment](#) of February 12, 2020, available in French; Case T-172/18 *Akili Mundos v. Council*, [judgment](#) of February 12, 2020, available in French; Case T-173/18 *Ramazani Shadary v. Council*, [judgment](#) of February 12, 2020, available in French; Case T-174/18 *Mutondo v. Council*, [judgment](#) of February 12, 2020, available in French; Case T-175/18 *Ruhorimbere v. Council*, [judgment](#) of February 12, 2020, available in French; Case T-176/18 *Mende Omalanga v. Council*, [judgment](#) of February 12, 2020, available in French; Case T-177/18 *Kazembe Musonda v. Council*, [judgment](#) of February 12, 2020, available in French)

Venezuela

Appeal against the General Court's judgment of September 20, 2019, dismissing the appeal against Council Regulation 2017/2063.

(Case C-872/19 P *Venezuela v. Council*, [OJ 2020 C 45/27](#))

Ukraine

Appeal against the General Court's judgment of December 13, 2018, dismissing the appeal against Council Decision 2017/381 amending Decision 2014/119/CFSP and Council Implementing Regulation 2017/374 implementing Regulation 208/2014.

(Case C-58/19 P *Azarov v. Council*, [OJ 2020 C 77/11](#))

OTHER EU INSTITUTIONS

Belarus

- i The Council decided to prolong the arms embargo and sanctions against four individuals for one year. ([Council Press Release](#), February 17, 2020)
- ii Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/214 amending Decision 2012/642/CFSP. ([OJ 2020 L 45/3](#))
- iii Notice for the attention of persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2012/642/CFSP and in Council Regulation 765/2006. ([OJ 2020 C 55/3](#))
- iv Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2012/642/CFSP and Council Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures against Belarus apply. ([OJ 2020 C 55/4](#))

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/435 amending Decision 2011/173/CFSP.

([OJ 2020 L 89/4](#))

Central African Republic

Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/408 amending Decision 2013/798/CFSP.

([OJ 2020 L 80 I/1](#))

Congo

- i Council Implementing Regulation 2020/189 implementing Article 9 of Regulation 1183/2005. ([OJ 2020 L 40 I/1](#))
- ii Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2020/190 implementing Decision 2010/788/CFSP. ([OJ 2020 L 40 I/3](#))
- iii Notice for the attention of persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2010/788/CFSP, as implemented by Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2020/190, and Council Regulation 1183/2005, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2020/189. ([OJ 2020 C 49/7](#))
- iv Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council

Decision 2010/788/CFSP and Council Regulation 1183/2005 apply.

[\(OJ 2020 C 49/9\)](#)

v Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2020/417 implementing Decision 2010/788/CFSP.

[\(OJ 2020 L 86/9\)](#)

vi Council Implementing Regulation 2020/415 implementing Article 9 of Regulation 1183/2005 imposing certain specific restrictive measures directed against persons acting in violation of the arms embargo.

[\(OJ 2020 L 86/1\)](#)

Egypt

i Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/418 amending Decision 2011/172/CFSP.

[\(OJ 2020 L 86/11\)](#)

ii Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/416 implementing Regulation 270/2011.

[\(OJ 2020 L 86/3\)](#)

iii Notice for the attention of the persons to whom restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2011/172/CFSP, as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/418, and in Council Regulation 270/2011, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2020/416, apply.

[\(OJ 2020 C 91/4\)](#)

iv Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2011/172/CFSP and Council Regulation 270/2011 apply.

[\(OJ 2020 C 91/5\)](#)

Iran

Notice for the attention of certain persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2011/235/CFSP and in Council Regulation 359/2011.

[\(OJ 2020 C 20/15\)](#)

Iraq

Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/37 amending Council Regulation 1210/2003.

[\(OJ 2020 L 13/13\)](#)

Libya

i The Council adopted decisions amending the Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 and Implementing Regulation 2016/44 updating the listings of five persons subject to restrictive measures in Libya.

[\(Council Press Release, March 5, 2020\)](#)

ii Council Implementing Regulation 2020/371 implementing Article 21(5) of Regulation 2016/44.

[\(OJ 2020 L 71/5\)](#)

iii Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2020/374 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333.

[\(OJ 2020 L 71/14\)](#)

iv Notice for the attention of the person subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 as implemented by Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2020/374, and in Council Regulation 2016/44, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2020/371.

[\(OJ 2020 C 73 I/3\)](#)

v Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 and Council Regulation 2016/44 apply.

[\(OJ 2020 C 73 I/4\)](#)

vi Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/458 amending Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333.

[\(OJ 2020 L 97/13\)](#)

Mali

i Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2020/9 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/1775.

[\(OJ 2020 L 4 I/7\)](#)

ii Council Implementing Regulation 2020/8 implementing Article 12(1) of Regulation 2017/1770.

[\(OJ 2020 L 4 I/1\)](#)

iii Notice for the attention of persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1775, as implemented by Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2020/9 and Council Regulation 2017/1770, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2020/8.

[\(OJ 2020 C 4/1\)](#)

iv Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1775 and Council Regulation 2017/1770 apply.

([OJ 2020 C 4/3](#))

- v The Council adopted a Council implementing decision and a Council implementing regulation concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Mali.

([Council Press Release](#), January 27, 2020)

- vi Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2020/118 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/1775.

([OJ 2020 L 22/55](#))

- vii Council Implementing Regulation 2020/116 implementing Article 12(1) of Regulation 2017/1770.

([OJ 2020 L 22/25](#))

Myanmar/Burma

Notice for the attention of a person subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2013/184/CFSP and in Council Regulation 401/2013 concerning restrictive measures against Myanmar/Burma.

([OJ 2020 C 88 I/1](#))

Somalia

- i Council Regulation 2020/169 amending Regulation 147/2003.

([OJ 2020 L 36/1](#))

- ii Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/170 amending Decision 2010/231/CFSP.

([OJ 2020 L 36/5](#))

South Sudan

- i The Council decided to maintain the existing restrictive measures against one person.

([Council Press Release](#), February 17, 2020)

- ii Notice for the attention of the person to whom restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/740 and Council Regulation 2015/735 apply.

([OJ 2020 C 55/1](#))

- iii Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/740 and Council Regulation 2015/735 apply.

([OJ 2020 C 55/2](#))

Syria

- i The Council added eight prominent businessmen and two entities linked to those businessmen to the list of persons and entities subject to the sanctions against the Syrian regime and its supporters.

([Council Press Release](#), February 17, 2020)

- ii Council Implementing Regulation 2020/211 implementing Regulation 36/2012.

([OJ 2020 L 43 I/1](#))

- iii Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2020/212 implementing Decision 2013/255/CFSP.

([OJ 2020 L 43 I/6](#))

- iv Notice for the attention of the persons and entities subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2013/255/CFSP and in Council Regulation 36/2012.

([OJ 2020 C 55/7](#))

- v Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2013/255/CFSP and in Council Regulation 36/2012 apply.

([OJ 2020 C 55/8](#))

Tunisia

- i The Council adopted a Council decision and a Council implementing regulation concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Tunisia.

([Council Press Release](#), January 27, 2020)

- ii Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/117 amending Decision 2011/72/CFSP.

([OJ 2020 L 22/31](#))

- iii Council Implementing Regulation 2020/115 implementing Regulation 101/2011.

([OJ 2020 L 22/1](#))

- iv Notice for the attention of the persons subject to restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2011/72/CFSP, as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/117, and in Council Regulation 101/2011, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2020/115.

([OJ 2020 C 29 I/3](#))

- v Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2011/72/CFSP and Council Regulation 101/2011 apply.

([OJ 2020 C 29 I/4](#))

Turkey

- i The Council placed two persons under restrictive measures in relation to Turkey's unauthorized drilling activities in the Eastern Mediterranean.

([Council Press Release](#), February 27, 2020)

- ii Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/275 amending Decision (CFSP) 2019/1894 concerning restrictive measures in view of Turkey's unauthorized drilling activities in the Eastern Mediterranean.
([OJ 2020 L 56 I/5](#))
- iii Council Implementing Regulation 2020/274 implementing Regulation 2019/1890.
([OJ 2020 L 56 I/1](#))
- iv Notice for the attention of the persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/1894 as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/275, and in Council Regulation 2019/1890, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2020/274.
([OJ 2020 C 65/2](#))
- v Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision (CFSP) 2019/1894 and in Council Regulation 2019/1890 apply.
([OJ 2020 C 65/3](#))

Ukraine

- i The Council added seven persons to the list of those subject to restrictive measures over actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.
([Council Press Release](#), January 28, 2020)
- ii Council Implementing Regulation 2020/119 implementing Regulation 269/2014.
([OJ 2020 L 22 I/1](#))
- iii Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/120 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP.
([OJ 2020 L 22 I/5](#))
- iv Notice for the attention of the persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2014/145/CFSP, as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/120, and in Council Regulation 269/2014 as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2020/119.
([OJ 2020 C 30/6](#))
- v Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2014/145/CFSP and Council Regulation 269/2014 apply.
([OJ 2020 C 30/7](#))
- vi The Council decided to prolong for one more year the existing asset freezes directed against ten persons identified as responsible for the misappropriation of Ukrainian state funds or for the abuse of office causing a loss to Ukrainian public funds. The restrictive measures against two persons were not extended.
([Council Press Release](#), March 5, 2020)
- vii Council Implementing Regulation 2020/370 implementing Regulation 208/2014.
([OJ 2020 L 71/1](#))
- viii Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/373 amending Decision 2014/119/CFSP.
([OJ 2020 L 71/10](#))
- ix Notice for the attention of the persons subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2014/119/CFSP, as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/373, and in Council Regulation 208/2014, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/370.
([OJ 2020 C 73 I/1](#))
- x Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2014/119/CFSP and Council Regulation 208/2014 apply.
([OJ 2020 C 73 I/2](#))
- xi The Council decided that current sanctions in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine should be extended for a further six months.
([Council Press Release](#), March 13, 2020)
- xii Notice for the attention of the persons and entities subject to the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2014/145/CFSP, as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/399, and in Council Regulation 269/2014, as implemented by Council Implementing Regulation 2020/398.
([OJ 2020 C 83 I/1](#))
- xiii Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2014/145/CFSP and Council Regulation 269/2014 apply.
([OJ 2020 C 83 I/3](#))

Venezuela

The European Parliament adopted a resolution on the situation in Venezuela after the illegal election of the new National Assembly Presidency and Bureau (parliamentary coup).
([EP Press Release](#), January 16, 2020; [Resolution](#), January 16, 2020)

Zimbabwe

- i The Council adopted conclusions and renewed its arms embargo and targeted assets freeze against one company.
([Council Press Release](#), February 17, 2020)
- ii Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/219 amending Council Regulation 314/2004.
([OJ 2020 L 44/17](#))
- iii Council Regulation 2020/213 amending Regulation 314/2004.
([OJ 2020 L 45/1](#))
- iv Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/215 amending Decision 2011/101/CFSP.
([OJ 2020 L 45/4](#))
- v Notice for the attention of the persons, entities and bodies to which restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2011/101/CFSP, as amended by Council Decision (CFSP) 2020/215, and in Council Regulation 314/2004, as amended by Council Regulation 2020/213, apply.
([OJ 2020 C 55/5](#))
- vi Notice for the attention of the data subjects to whom the restrictive measures provided for in Council Decision 2011/101/CFSP and Council Regulation 314/2004 apply.
([OJ 2020 C 55/6](#))

4. Other Measures**Global rules on industrial subsidies**

The EU, the US and Japan published a joint statement announcing their agreement to strengthen existing rules on industrial subsidies and condemning forced technology transfer practices.

([Commission Press Release](#) IP/20/43, January 14, 2020; [Joint statement](#), January 14, 2020)

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

Guidance to the Member States concerning FDI and free movement of capital from third countries, and the protection of Europe's strategic assets, ahead of the application of Regulation 2019/452 (FDI Screening Regulation).

(Commission communication: [OJ 2020 C 99 I/1](#))

COVID-19

- i The Commission published adaptation measures for the handling of trade defense investigations to make sure that economic damages for European

companies related to unfair trade remain adequately addressed during the COVID-19 outbreak.

([Commission Daily News](#), March 13, 2020; [Notice](#), March 13, 2020)

- ii Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/402 making the exportation of certain products subject to the production of an export authorization.

([OJ 2020 L 77 I/1](#))

Derivative aluminum and steel products

The Commission started a consultation seeking information and views on the US tariff increase on derivative aluminum and steel products.

([Consultation page](#))

Illegal trade in companion animals

The European Parliament adopted a resolution on protecting the EU's internal market and consumer rights against the negative implications of the illegal trade in companion animals.

([EP Press Release](#), February 12, 2020; [Resolution](#), February 12, 2020)

Common military list

The Council adopted the updated common military list of the EU referred to in the Common Position 2008/944/CFSP.

([Council Press Release](#), February 17, 2020; [OJ 2020 C 85/1](#))

Transparency package

Commissioner Hogan announced his intention to further step up the Commission's transparency commitments by, among others, systematically reporting on the work of all committees established under EU trade agreements.

([Commission Press Release](#) IP/20/288, February 18, 2020)

European statistics on international trade in goods

The Commission published for feedback a draft implementing regulation on the nomenclature of countries and territories for the European statistics on international trade in goods and on the geographical breakdown for other business statistics.

([Feedback page](#))

Trade in goods used for capital punishment or torture

Commission delegated regulation amending Annexes I and V to Regulation 2019/125 concerning trade in

certain goods which could be used for capital punishment, torture or other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.

([Draft act](#), February 18, 2020)

Trade in seal products

Commission report on the implementation of Regulation 1007/2009, as amended by Regulation 2015/1775, on the trade in seal products.

([COM 2020/4](#), January 10, 2020)

Steel products

i Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/35 amending Implementing Regulation 2019/159 imposing definitive safeguard measures against imports of certain steel products.

([OJ 2020 L 12/13](#))

ii Notice of initiation concerning a review of the applicable safeguard measures.

([OJ 2020 C 51/21](#))

Dual-use items

Notice regarding information on measures adopted by Member States in conformity with Articles 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 17 and 22 of Council Regulation 428/2009 setting up a Community regime for the control of exports, transfer, brokering and transit of dual-use items.

([OJ 2020 C 16/4](#))

Trade in rough diamonds

Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/130 on amending Council Regulation 2368/2002 implementing the Kimberley Process certification scheme for the international trade in rough diamonds.

([OJ 2020 L 27/10](#))

III. EC Customs Policy

EU COURTS

Customs Union

The Court of Justice held that, (i) Regulation 952/2013 does not preclude national legislation under which, in the event of theft of goods placed under a customs warehousing procedure, a pecuniary penalty is imposed on the holder of the customs warehousing authorization for failure to comply with the customs legislation, and (ii) that Article 42(1) of Regulation 952/2013 does not preclude national legislation under which, in the event of removal from customs supervision of goods placed

under a customs warehousing procedure, the holder of the customs warehousing authorization is required to pay, in addition to a pecuniary penalty, a sum corresponding to the value of those goods.

(Case C-655/18 *Schenker*, [judgment](#) of March 4, 2020)

Combined Nomenclature

i Reference for a preliminary ruling from a UK court seeking guidance from the Court of Justice on whether Commission Implementing Regulation 2016/1760 is invalid in so far as it classifies the bank note validator and cash boxes specified in the regulation under CN Code 84729070, rather than CN Code 903149 90.

(Case C-760/19 *JCM Europe*, reference for a preliminary ruling: [OJ 2020 C 19/15](#))

ii Reference for a preliminary ruling from an Austrian court seeking guidance from the Court of Justice on whether heading 8705 of the Combined Nomenclature is to be interpreted as meaning that towbarless motor vehicles with a pulling winch for pulling aircraft and an electrohydraulic lifting device for pushing aircraft, fall under this heading.

(Case C-772/19 *Bartosch Airport Supply Services*, reference for a preliminary ruling: [OJ 2020 C 27/17](#))

iii Appeal against Commission Implementing Regulation 2019/1661 concerning the classification of certain goods in the Combined Nomenclature.

(Case T-846/19 *Golden Omega v. Commission*, [OJ 2020 C 61/48](#))

iv Reference for a preliminary ruling from a Czech court seeking guidance from the Court of Justice on whether the product labelled ‘Bob Martin Clear 50 mg roztok pro nakapání na kůži - spot-on pro kočky’ made available in pipettes (0.5 ml), which contains the active substance fipronil (50 mg per pipette) and the excipients butylated hydroxyanisole E 320, butylated hydroxytoluene E 321, benzyl alcohol and diethylene glycol monoethyl ether, be classified under heading 3004 or heading 3808 of the Combined Nomenclature of the Customs Tariff.

(Case C-941/19 *Samohýl group*, reference for a preliminary ruling: [OJ 2020 C 68/36](#))

v The Court of Justice held that the additional note 1 to Chapter 89 of the Combined Nomenclature appearing in Annex I to Council Regulation 2658/87, in its version resulting from Commission Regulation 1031/2008, must be interpreted as

meaning that the concept of “vessels designed to handle the high seas” does not include boats which, because of the properties inherent to their construction, are only able to sail approximately 21 nautical miles from the coast in heavy weather.

(Case C-192/19 *Rensen Shipbuilding*, [judgment](#) of March 11, 2020, available in French)

Common Customs Tariff

i Reference for a preliminary ruling from a Romanian court seeking guidance from the Court of Justice on whether the nomenclature in Annex I to Regulation 2658/87, as amended by Implementing Regulation 2016/1821, must be interpreted as meaning that the product ‘AURIC GMO FREE’ is to be classified under tariff subheading 17 029 095 or subheading 29 124 900 of that nomenclature.

(Case C-822/19 *Flavourstream*, reference for a preliminary ruling: [OJ 2020 C 54/29](#))

ii Regulation 1234/2007 - Regulation 1484/95 - Import of frozen poultry meat originating in Brazil - Post-clearance recovery of additional import duties - Verification mechanism - Method for calculating additional duties.

(Case C-160/18 X, [judgment](#) of March 11, 2020)

iii Combined Nomenclature - Tariff classification - Heading 3005 and heading 3824 - Self-heating patches and belts to relieve pain - Implementing Regulation 2016/1140 - Invalidity.

(Case C-182/19 *Pfizer Consumer Healthcare*, [judgment](#) of March 26, 2020)

Customs Code

i Reference for a preliminary ruling from a German court seeking guidance from the Court of Justice, among other things, on whether payments which the purchaser of a product makes in addition to the purchase price, depending on his sales revenues, once a year for four years, in order to be able to sell the product in a particular territory, for the very first time, exclusively and permanently, are royalties and license fees within the meaning of Article 32(1)(c) of Council Regulation 2913/92 which are to be added to the price actually paid or payable for the imported goods under Article 32(5)(b) of the Community Customs Code in conjunction with Article 157(2) of Commission Regulation 2454/93.

(Case C-775/19 *5th AVENUE Products Trading*, reference for a preliminary ruling: [OJ 2020 C 27/17](#))

ii Opinion by the Advocate General Hogan advising the Court of Justice to hold that, where a customs declarant has indicated that it is acting exclusively in its own name, even though it was instructed to file the customs declaration on the behalf of and in the name of a third person, after the release of the goods, the declaration may be amended so as to mention the principal as being the declarant, if proof can be provided of the existence of such a power of attorney before the declaration was submitted.

(Case C-97/19 *Pfeifer & Langen*, Advocate General [opinion](#) of February 25, 2020)

iii Reference for a preliminary ruling from a German court seeking guidance from the Court of Justice, among other things, on whether Article 211(2) of Regulation 952/2013 is to be interpreted as applying only to applications whose retroactive authorization period would be valid as from May 1, 2016.

(Case C-825/19 *Beeren-, Wild-, Feinfrucht*, reference for a preliminary ruling: [OJ 2020 C 77/21](#))

OTHER EU INSTITUTIONS

Customs Code

Commission delegated regulation amending and correcting Delegated Regulation 2015/2446 supplementing Regulation 952/2013 as regards detailed rules concerning certain provisions of the Union Customs Code, and amending Delegated Regulation 2016/341 supplementing Regulation 952/2013 as regards transitional rules for certain provisions of the Union Customs Code where the relevant electronic systems are not yet operational.

([Draft act](#), January 24, 2020; [Annexes](#), January 24, 2020; [Feedback page](#))

TIR convention

The Council adopted a decision setting out the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the administrative committee for the Customs Convention on the international transport of goods under cover of TIR carnets as regards the amendment of the Convention.

([Council Press Release](#), January 28, 2020; [OJ 2020 L 32/8](#))

Customs Union

The Commission published for feedback a roadmap with regard to an action plan on the Customs Union.

([Feedback page](#))

EU/New Zealand

Proposed Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU in the Joint Customs Cooperation Committee established under the agreement between the EU and New Zealand on cooperation and mutual administrative assistance in customs matters as regards the adoption of the internal rules of procedure of the Joint Customs Cooperation Committee.

([COM 2020/53](#), February 14, 2020)

EU/China

The Commission published for feedback an evaluation and fitness check roadmap with regard to the EU/China Customs Agreement.

([Feedback page](#))

Additional customs duties on imports of certain products originating in the US

Commission delegated regulation amending Regulation 2018/196 on additional customs duties on imports of certain products originating in the US.

([Text](#) of regulation, February 21, 2020)

Combined Nomenclature

i Commission Implementing Regulation 2020/186, 2020/404 and 2020/191 concerning the classification of certain goods in the Combined Nomenclature.

([OJ 2020 L 39/3](#); [OJ 2020 L 40/1](#); [OJ 2020 L 80/1](#))

ii Commission implementing regulation amending Regulation 594/2009 concerning the classification of certain goods in the Combined Nomenclature.

([Draft act](#))

iii Explanatory notes to the Combined Nomenclature of the EU.

([OJ 2020 C 48/6](#); [OJ 2020 C 48/8](#))

IV. EU External Relations

A. Enlargement

EU accession process

The Commission put forward a proposal to drive forward the EU accession process, by making it more credible, with a stronger political steer, more dynamic and predictable.

([Commission Press Release](#) IP/20/181, February 5, 2020; [Questions and answers](#), February 5, 2020;

Commission communication: [COM 2020/57](#), February 5, 2020)

Serbia

The Council adopted the EU common positions on Chapter 4 (Free movement of capital) and Chapter 9 (Financial services) of the acquis for the purposes of accession negotiations with Serbia.

([Council Press Release](#), January 28, 2020)

Albania/North Macedonia

i The Commission published two reports on the progress made by Albania and North Macedonia.

([Commission Press Release](#) IP/20/347, March 2, 2020; [Commission staff working document](#), March 2, 2020; [Commission staff working document](#), March 2, 2020)

ii Ministers gave their political agreement to the opening of accession negotiations.

([Council conclusions](#), March 25, 2020; [Commission Press Release](#) IP/20/519, March 25, 2020)

B. Multi- or Plurilateral

EUROPE**Eastern Partnership**

The Commission and the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy put forward a proposal for the long-term policy objectives of the Eastern Partnership beyond 2020.

([Commission Press Release](#) IP/20/452, March 18, 2020; [Questions and answers](#), March 18, 2020; [Joint communication](#), March 18, 2020)

AFRICA**EU/Eastern and Southern Africa countries**

i The Commission published the report on the first round of negotiations between the EU and five Eastern and Southern Africa countries for the deepening of the currently implemented Economic Partnership Agreement.

([Report](#), February 5, 2020)

ii Decision 1/2020 of the EPA Committee amending certain provisions of Protocol 1 concerning the definition of the concept of ‘originating products’ and methods of administrative cooperation to the Interim Agreement establishing a framework for an

Economic Partnership Agreement between the Eastern and Southern Africa States and the EU.

([OJ 2020 L 93/1](#))

EU/Africa

The Commission and the High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy proposed the basis for a new strategy with Africa.

([Commission Press Release](#) IP/20/373, March 9, 2020; [Questions and answers](#), March 9, 2020; [Joint communication](#), March 9, 2020)

C. Bilateral

AFRICA

EU/Ivory Coast

Publication of Decision 2/2019 of the EPA Committee established under the Stepping Stone Economic Partnership Agreement between Ivory Coast and the EU as regards the adoption of Protocol 1 concerning the definition of the concept of ‘originating products’ and methods of administrative cooperation.

([OJ 2020 L 49/1](#))

EU/Ghana

Proposed Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU in the EPA Committee established under the stepping stone economic partnership agreement between the EU and Ghana, as regards the adoption of the Rules of Procedures of the EPA Committee.

([COM 2020/116](#), March 26, 2020; [Annex](#), March 26, 2020)

EU/Morocco

i The Council adopted a decision on the position to be adopted by the EU in the Association Committee set up by the EU/Morocco Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreement, with regard to the exchange of information for the purpose of evaluating the agreement in the form of an exchange of letters on the amendment of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement.

([Council Press Release](#), February 20, 2020)

ii Decision 1/2020 of the EU/Morocco Association Committee concerning the exchange of information between the EU and Morocco for the purpose of evaluating the impact of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters on the amendment of Protocols 1 and

4 to the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the EU and Morocco.

([OJ 2020 L 98/45](#))

iii Council Decision 2020/462 establishing the position to be adopted on behalf of the EU within the Association Committee set up by the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement establishing an association between the EU and Morocco, concerning the exchange of information for the purpose of evaluating the impact of the Agreement in the form of an Exchange of Letters on the amendment of the Euro-Mediterranean Agreement.

([OJ 2020 L 99/13](#))

AMERICAS

EU/Mexico

Commission services' position paper on the sustainability impact assessment in support of negotiations for the modernization of the trade part of the global agreement with Mexico.

([Position paper](#), January 2020)

ASIA

EU/China

The Commission published the report of the twenty-fifth round of negotiations on the EU/China comprehensive agreement on investment.

([Report](#), January 6, 2020)

EU/Indonesia

The Commission published the reports summarizing the progress made during the latest negotiating rounds for the EU/Indonesia and EU/New Zealand trade agreements.

([Commission Daily News](#), January 17, 2020; [Report; Report](#))

EU/Vietnam

i The European Parliament's Committee on International Trade voted in favor of the free trade and investment protection agreements between the EU and Vietnam.

([EP Press Release](#), January 21, 2020)

ii Recommendations by the European Parliament's Committee on International Trade on the draft Council decisions on the conclusion of the (i) free trade agreement and (ii) investment protection agreement between the EU and Vietnam.

- (i) [Recommendation](#), January 23, 2020; (ii) [Recommendation](#), January 23, 2020)
- iii The European Parliament approved the EU/Vietnam free trade and investment protection deals. ([EP Press Release](#), February 12, 2020; [Commission Press Release](#) IP/20/227, February 12, 2020; [Resolution](#), February 12, 2020; [Resolution](#), February 12, 2020; [Resolution](#), February 12, 2020; [Resolution](#), February 12, 2020)
- iv The Council adopted a decision on the conclusion of a free trade agreement between the EU and Vietnam. ([Council Press Release](#), March 30, 2020)

EU/South Korea

Proposed Council decision on the extension of the entitlement for co-productions as provided for in Article 5 of the Protocol on Cultural Cooperation to the EU/South Korea free trade agreement. ([COM 2020/92](#), March 5, 2020)

EU/Kazakhstan

- i The Council adopted a decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the enhanced partnership and cooperation agreement between the EU and Kazakhstan. ([Council Press Release](#), January 20, 2020)
- ii The Council approved the position to be taken by the EU at the seventeenth meeting of the EU/Kazakhstan Cooperation Council. ([Council Press Release](#), January 20, 2020)
- iii Council decision on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the enhanced partnership and cooperation agreement between the EU and Kazakhstan. ([Text](#) of decision, October 25, 2016)
- iv Council Decision 2020/244 on the conclusion, on behalf of the Union, of the enhanced partnership and cooperation agreement between the EU and Kazakhstan. ([OJ 2020 L 52/1](#))
- v Information notice concerning the entry into force of the enhanced partnership and cooperation agreement between the EU and Kazakhstan. ([OJ 2020 L 51/2](#))

EUROPE

EU/UK

- i Council decision authorizing the opening of negotiations with the UK for a new partnership agreement.

- ([Text](#) of decision, February 13, 2020)
- ii The Council adopted a decision authorizing the opening of negotiations for a new partnership with the UK, and formally nominating the Commission as EU negotiator. ([Council Press Release](#), February 25, 2020; [Commission Press Release](#) IP/20/324, February 25, 2020; [OJ 2020 L 58/53](#))
- iii Commissioner Šefčovič was appointed as EU representative and Co-Chair of the EU/UK Joint Committee. ([Commission Daily News](#), February 26, 2020)
- iv Joint statement by EU and UK negotiators on next week's round of negotiations. ([Statement](#), March 12, 2020)
- v The Commission published a draft legal agreement for the future EU/UK partnership. ([Commission Press Release](#) IP/20/447, March 18, 2020; [Draft text](#), March 18, 2020)
- vi Statement by the Commission following the first meeting of the EU/UK Joint Committee. ([Statement](#), March 30, 2020)

EU/Ukraine

- i Information concerning the entry into force of the Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters between the EU and Ukraine amending the trade preferences for poultry meat and poultry meat preparations provided for by the Association Agreement between the EU and Ukraine. ([OJ 2020 L 13/1](#))
- ii The Council approved the position that the EU will take in the sixth meeting of the Association Council with Ukraine. ([Council Press Release](#), January 27, 2020)
- iii Decision 1/2019 of the EU/Ukraine Sanitary and Phytosanitary Management Sub-Committee modifying Annex V to Chapter 4 of the association agreement. ([OJ 2020 L 59/31](#))

EU/Georgia

- i The Commission published the fourth annual association implementation report on Georgia. ([Commission Press Release](#) IP/20/172, February 7, 2020; [Joint staff working document](#), February 6, 2020)

- ii Commission evaluation roadmap with respect to the EU/Georgia and the EU/Moldova Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Areas.
([Evaluation roadmap](#), February 3, 2020; [Feedback page](#))
- iii Decision 1/2020 of the Geographical Indications Sub-Committee replacing Annexes XVII-C and XVII-D to the association agreement between the EU and Georgia.
([OJ 2020 L 66/1](#))

EU/Moldova

- i Commission evaluation roadmap with respect to the EU/Georgia and the EU/Moldova Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Areas.
([Evaluation roadmap](#), February 3, 2020; [Feedback page](#))
- ii Decision 1/2020 of the EU/Moldova Association Committee in Trade Configuration concerning the update of Annex XV (Elimination of customs duties) to the Association Agreement between the EU and Moldova.
([OJ 2020 L 34/52](#))

EU/Armenia

- i Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the Partnership Council established by the Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement between the EU and Armenia as regards the adoption of the Rules of Procedure of the Partnership Council and those of the Partnership Committee, subcommittees and other bodies set up by the Partnership Council, and the establishment of the list of Sub-Committees, for the application of that Agreement with the exception of Title II thereof.
([Text](#) of decision, February 6, 2020)
- ii Council decision on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the Partnership Council established by the Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement the EU and Armenia as regards the adoption of the Rules of Procedure of the Partnership Council and those of the Partnership Committee, subcommittees and other bodies set up by the Partnership Council, and the establishment of the list of Sub-Committees, for the application of Title II of that Agreement.
([Text](#) of decision, February 6, 2020)

- iii Draft decision of the EU/Armenia Partnership Council adopting its Rules of Procedure and those of the Partnership Committee, subcommittees and other bodies set up by the Partnership Council, and establishing the list of Sub-Committees.
([Text](#) of decision, February 6, 2020)
- iv The Council decided on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the Partnership Council established by the comprehensive and enhanced partnership agreement between the EU and Armenia.
([Council Press Release](#), February 17, 2020)
- v Council Decision 2020/246 on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the Partnership Council established by the Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement between the EU and Armenia as regards the adoption of the Rules of Procedure of the Partnership Council and those of the Partnership Committee, subcommittees and other bodies set up by the Partnership Council, and the establishment of the list of Sub-Committees, for the application of Title II of that Agreement.
([OJ 2020 L 52/5](#))
- vi Council Decision 2020/245 on the position to be taken on behalf of the EU within the Partnership Council established by the Comprehensive and Enhanced Partnership Agreement between the EU and Armenia as regards the adoption of the Rules of Procedure of the Partnership Council and those of the Partnership Committee, subcommittees and other bodies set up by the Partnership Council, and the establishment of the list of Sub-Committees, for the application of that Agreement with the exception of Title II thereof.
([OJ 2020 L 52/3](#))

OCEANIA

EU/New Zealand

The Commission published the reports summarizing the progress made during the latest negotiating rounds for the EU/Indonesia and EU/New Zealand trade agreements.
([Commission Daily News](#), January 17, 2020; [Report; Report](#))

EU/Australia[\(Report, February 2020\)](#)

The Commission published a report of the sixth round of negotiations for a free trade agreement between the EU and Australia.

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